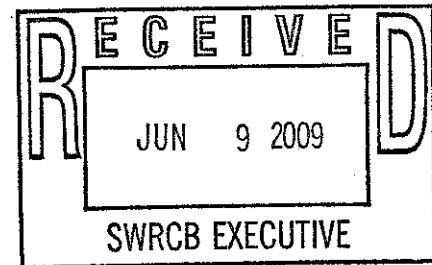


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"Working Community Forests"



June 10, 2009

Ms. Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814



Dear Ms. Townsend:

I am writing to express my concerns over the decision to allocate ARRA CCWSRF funds to urban storm runoff work in disadvantaged communities like Los Angeles.

Rural communities on the north coast are among the hardest hit by the current recession with unemployment rates among the highest in the state. One of the major purposes of ARRA funds is to assist those most impacted by the recession. That would rural communities. This funding has the additional advantage of aiding in the recovery of endangered species and proving long term jobs in the future.

I strongly encourage you to allocate funding to projects that protect our states critical rural watershed resources.

Sincerely;

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